

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Roberto BURIONI
U.S. Serial No. : 10/502,307
Confirmation No. : 9195
Filed : July 22, 2004
Examiner : Zachariah Lucas
Art Unit : 1648
For : HUMAN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY FAB FRAGMENTS
DIRECTED AGAINST HCV E2 GLYCOPROTEIN AND
ENDOWED WITH IN VITRO NEUTRALIZING ACTIVITY

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March 5, 2008

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

The shortened statutory period for reply to the September 6, 2007 Final Office Action is set to expire 3 months from the mailing date of the Office Action, i.e., December 6, 2007. Applicant hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$525.00) for a small entity. Applicant hereby authorizes the Examiner to charge the amount of FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$525.00) for payment of the fee for a three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1891. The deadline to file an RCE is now March 6, 2008. Accordingly, this RCE is being timely submitted.

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The fee for the RCE is FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$405.00) for small entity. Applicant hereby authorizes the Examiner to charge the amount of FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$405.00) for payment of the fee for the RCE to Deposit Account No. 50-1891. A copy of the Request for Continued Examination Transmittal is attached herein as **Exhibit A** (1 page, in duplicate).

Applicant further attach an Amendment in Response to September 6, 2007 Final Office Action and Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with the RCE. Upon filing of this RCE, Applicant hereby respectfully request the Examiner enter the Amendment and IDS into consideration.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below. No fee other than the FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$405.00) fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$525.00) fee for the three-month extension of time is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A